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ACCIDENTS INSIDE PARADIP PORT
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been frequent accidents due to the presence of heavy vehicles inside the Paradip Port;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of casualties occurred as a result thereof, during the last three years; and

(c) the reasons for such accidents and the steps taken to prevent such accidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b): The details of the accidents which have taken place and the number of casualties are as follows:-

Year	Number of accidents	Casualties
2004-05	6	2
2005-06	5	5
2006-07	8	3

(c): After investigation, it was found that the main cause of the accidents was 'Human Error' on the part of the drivers/helpers/operators of the heavy vehicles such as trucks, dumpers, pay loaders, trailers etc. and as well as casual workers roaming in the port area.

The Port has taken several measures to prevent such type of accidents in future by taking the following steps:-

(i) Regulation of entry and exit from Port area by the heavy vehicles and their movement inside the port area.

(ii) Taking punitive action against the owners of the heavy vehicles which caused the accidents.

(iii) By issuing suitable instructions to the owners of the heavy vehicles to appoint competent and reliable drivers/helpers/operators etc.

(iv) By ensuring proper illumination inside the port area and allotting separate parking area for trucks, dumpers etc.

(v) Holding regular discussions in the port safety committee meeting on the causes and remedial measures to be taken to avoid such accidents in future.

(vi) Apart from the above the officials of the safety cell, the mobile traffic squad, Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) and other concerned authorities carry out regular surprise check to check any violation in the movement of traffic in the port area. The port is also holding regular workshops pertaining to safety aspects to educate the workers.